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Majority of high school students oppose smoking

"Smoking? It stinks! I can't stand all the smoke. At home there's no air to circulate so that it doesn't get in my face," said one high school girl.

Fifty-five percent of students at AHS do not smoke but have tried it at least once. Some of their comments against smoking are, "leaves a bad taste in the mouth; gives me a headache; creates sore eyes; takes away my appetite; makes breath stink; dangerous to health; very expensive."

Pamphlets and reading materials subjected to students can alter their ideas. "I quite smoking after I read, 'ould a Girl Smoke?' "

Parents do set an example for their children. One student commented, "My Dad quit smoking, so I figure if he decided it's not any good, then I don't need to develop the habit."

Some students don't approve the appearance of smoking. "It looks ridiculous to see a teenager with a little circular object hanging out of his mouth," remarked one student.

Others express scorn for the habit with comments like "I can get more enjoyment out of sucking a lollipop," or "If God would have wanted me to smoke, he would have given be a chimney."

Of the fifteen per cent of AHS students that do smoke, many state, "It helps relax my nerves," or "I just like the taste." A few of this group said, "I'm hung up on cigarettes. It's a bad habit that's hard to break. I wish I never would have started."

One senior emphasized, "This decision is up to the individual. I see reason why we should condemn ple who do smoke. It is their life and if they know the facts, I feel it is their choice."

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Colleges Are Researching Smoking In High Schools

COLLEGERS CUE IN ON HIGH SCHOOL SMOKING: Beloit liberal arts college in Wisconsin, in cooperation with YOUNG BEAT, has come up with significant insights on high school smoking from a selected group of its students. Most of the Beloiters who smoked YOUNG BEA, has come up with agreed that their smoking caught fire in high school because the "in" groups approved .....a few because the opposite sex approved. Tieing in with sociologists' findings we reported several weeks ago, boredom and pressure were strong prods in starting smoking. Though more than two - thirds of all the collegers tended to believe medical warnings of its dangers, over half kept on smoking anyway ..usually after a start in high school. Among the sizable minority of non - smokers one senior girl scoffed at indulging in "smelly" tobacco to impress an "in" group, saying — "If high schoolers like to smoke, they might go ahead and stink up their rooms and ruin their lungs for that reason. But killing themselves for the approval of a bunch of 14 - and 15 - year - olds is more foolish than killing themselves because they like the taste." That's what collegers say about high school smoking.

THE HIGHBROW SOUND BUSTS OUT IN U.S.: America, impoverished in highbrow music back in pop and mom's youth now luxuriates in the sound of over half the world's symphony orchestras ..... not including scores teen - staffed in U S. high schools.

YOUTH KNOWS VIETNAM IS ROUGH — BUT: Here's news that spans the spectrum of the grim in the war. Up North, while on patrol near the demilitarized zone, a young Marine was seized by the arm and dragged away ..not by a Cong or a North Viet - but by a tiger ...He punched the tiger in the nose, was dropped by the startled cat and is now recuperating in a hospital . Meanwhile, in Saigon, subtle harassment struck when nationalism required all advertising signs to be reposted in the Vietnamese language only, leaving both American and Viet guys baffled, trying to find untranslatable places like a "Pizzeria" or the "Copacobana Club" . Like General Sherman said, "War is hell."

SIMPLEST CURE FOR OBESITY: U. S. youth obesity continues to concern health authorities, who point out that fat adolescents tend to flower into fat adults. How to solve this? — Cinchy!..... since 70 per cent of the overweights blossom from overweight parents . — make sure to acquire a trim mom and pop.

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